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In re the application of: Seth A. Darst

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For: *A Crystal of Bacterial Core RNA Polymerase
with Rifampicin and Methods of Use Thereof*

Examiner: Galitsky, N.

Group Art Unit: 1631

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 7, 2002 in the above-referenced application. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee is filed concurrently herewith.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group VIII, i.e., claims 27-29, drawn to methods for identifying a compound that is predicted to inhibit bacterial growth. The traversal is to the extent that no undue burden would be required to search all groups.

The Examiner further indicates that if Group VIII is elected, Applicants must elect species A, i.e. a bacterial RNA polymerase utilized only, or species B, an eukaryotic RNA polymerase. Applicants elect species A, i.e., a bacterial RNA polymerase, with traverse, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable. The election is with traverse to the extent that neither of the claims in Group VIII recite "bacterial" or "eukaryotic" and no undue burden would be required to search all groups.

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Also enclosed herein are corrected drawings of Figs. 2-7.

Conclusion

If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

Respectfully submitted,
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